

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114c
09/912,561

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-5 and 8-18 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 6, 7, 19 and 20 remain pending. New claims 21-24 have been added. Support for these additions may be found at paragraphs [182]-[185]. No new matter is added.

Applicants have filed an RCE with the present amendment under 35 U.S.C. § 114(c) so that the previously Amendment under 35 U.S.C. § 116 may be entered.

Applicants submit that the bases for any objection or rejection under Section 112 has been removed. The "fabric" has now been defined to contain "yarn" and the "yarn" is defined as having at least "synthetic fiber" alone or with other non-synthetic fiber. The newly added claims define such non-synthetic fiber as natural or regenerated.

Further, Applicants submit that the present invention is considerably different from the cited references, particularly with respect to the order of the coating steps. Accordingly, all of the remaining claims should be patentable.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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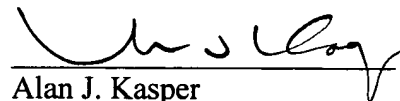
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